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Mrs. Pat Moran
4416 Wilmoth Avenue
Louisville, KY 40216

Dear Mrs. Moran:

This letter is in reply to your letter dated 11/4/86 which stated concerns related to the Lees Lane Landfill Site.

Comment: "Why weren't test holes dug to find out how far down waste go in the center of the landfill?"

EPA's Response: Health risks associated with drilling through the fill precluded drilling through the landfill.

Comment: "If the landfill isn't a threat why was it put on the Superfund list?"

EPA's Response: Lees Lane Landfill was placed on the list due to the distance to the nearest population, the floodway location, the identification of landfill hazardous waste and the distance to the nearest downgradient well.

Comment: "What are the names of the PCB's?"

EPA's Response: PCB-1254
PCB-1260

Comment: "Was any radioactive material dumped at the landfill?"

EPA's Response: We do not know.

Comment: "How deep has the ground been tested for methane?"

EPA's Response: Please refer to the enclosure.

Comment: "Why can't the Hofgesang Estate be held responsible?"

EPA's Response: The Hofgesang Foundation has been named as one of the Potentially Responsible Parties. As such, they will be given an opportunity to participate in the remedial clean-up. If they choose not to come forward, the agency may seek other legal recourses.

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Comment: "How many companies actually dumped at the landfill?"

EPA's Response: EPA has identified approximately 500 companies that dumped waste in the landfill.

Comment: "How long will the landfill generate methane gas?"

EPA's Response: We do not have that information available.

Comment: "Why do the people in the neighborhood have to pay for the mistake of county government for allowing the landfill to be there to begin with?"

EPA's Response: We cannot address the permit issue.

Comment: "Since the methane and other gases at the landfill are vented into the air. Wouldn't it have made sense for a study to be done on the direction of the wind?"

EPA's Response: In the air investigation that is currently being implemented at the site, the direction of the wind will be considered.

Presently, the Agency is in the process of preparing a Responsiveness Summary. This document serves two purposes (1) to aid EPA in reaching a decision about the most cost-effective remedial alternative at the site and (2) to address citizen concerns and EPA's response to those concerns. Upon completion of the Responsiveness Summary, it will be placed in the information repository.

If you have any questions, please call me at (404) 347-2643.

Sincerely yours,

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